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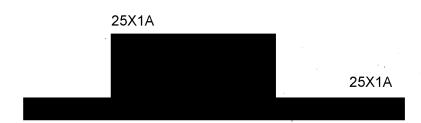
ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Guatemalan Student Groups

25X1A REFERENCE : Case

1. It is requested that you furnish this office with any available information on pro-Communist and anti-Communist student groups in Guatemala, including the leaders of any such groups. 25X1A

2. Per a telephone conversation between (Ext. 3215) of this office, it is understood that this information is readily available in ORE. The degree of need for this information is urgent but not justifying extreme means.



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our project No. 48 REFERENCE: Your IP-131, Case

 D/IA has, as we reported in answering your project IP-121, 22 May 1950, no information on non-Communist student organizations in our files and very little on possible Communist student organizations. The little that we have is summarized with reference to source in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, below. In addition, it is known that law students and medical students are organized, but no reports are available in D/LA files on their organizations. For further 25X1A information, we shall be glad to querry the field if the initiators of Case prefer not to make such a request themselves. If the matter is considered important, it might be well to set up a research project enlisting the cooperation of other agencies. We have one suggestion for such a project pending at the present time. We await your suggestion before taking any further action on this particular case.

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States that Jose H. Zamora, Salvadoran Communist and a leader of the Alianza de la Juventud Democratica Guatemalteca (AJDG), a Communist-front organization affiliated with the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, wrote a letter concerning university student life and activities in Guatemala. Zamora stated that the university students are now in opposition to the Arevalo government; that the student body is. in general, of the petit bourgeois and is an ememy of the masses. Zamora stated that, while the AJDG does count on a part of the university student body, he does not believe that "a great student movement" can be realized. He said he feared that too vigorous attempts to organize a student movement along "democratic" lines might give rise to a counter movement which would only be "an instrument of domestic and international reaction."

ORE-D/LA Comment: Zamora's statement that the AJDG does "count on a part of the student body" is the only evidence of student support of the AJDG, although considerable information on the AJDG is available. The AJDG has not, apparently, sought to gain support in the university and is not regarded by D/LA as a student organization.

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3. of 30 July 1948

States that, in a letter written at the same time as a letter to the AJDG (25 June 1948), the International Union of Students (a Communist dominated group with headquarters in Prague) sought to remind the Asociación de Estudiantes Universitarios de Guatemala (AEUO) that it "was an affiliate" of the IUG by virtue of a visit by one of its representatives (Emilio Arenales) to an IUS congress held in Prague in 1946. Since that time, the AEUO had failed to communicate with the IUS. Emilio Arenales, a member of a conservative family, is no longer active in the AEUO.

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The Asociacion de Estudiantes de Humanidades is reported to be active, along with Communist-front groups, in boosting the Congress for Peace and Democracy to be held in Mexico in September, 1949.

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